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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/018,785	KALLIO ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Matthew J Kohner	3653

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 April 2002.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 8-16 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 8-16 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.

6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 8-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 4,384,206 to Bjarno.

Bjarno discloses a method for analysis of a nutritive product in a stage of treatment, in respect of a volatile or volatilizable compound present in or derived from the nutritive product (Col. 6, lines 48-57) which includes:

Taking a sample of the nutritive product (Col. 7, lines 36+);

Subjecting the sample to analysis, wherein the analysis is carried out by a gas-phase infrared spectroscopic method (Col. 7, lines 50-59) fast enough to make the result of the analysis available to the stage of treatment while the analyzed product is in said stage of treatment (See Col. 6, lines 50+ where Bjarno discloses the method is suitable for on-line utilization in slaughter houses; Further see col. 7, lines 16+).

Bjarno does not specifically disclose that the IR spectroscopic method utilizes a Fourier transform technique. However, this is known in the art (see e.g. US Patent No. 4,102,646 to Sleeter, Col 3, lines 19+). Sleeter discloses that IR Fourier transform spectroscopy is a basic technique in this field. Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use

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the Fourier transform technique with the method disclosed by Bjarno. Further, there is motivation to combine these teachings since using the Fourier transform technique would increase of the accuracy of the IR spectroscopic method.

In particular regard to claim 9, see Col. 6, lines 50+.

In particular regard to claim 12, See Col. 6, lines 50+ where Bjarno discloses the method is suitable for on-line utilization in slaughter houses.

In particular regard to claims 13 and 16, Bjarno specifically discloses androstenone and skatol (Col. 8, lines 31+).

In particular regard to claim 14, Bjarno discloses sorting the carcasses with Boar taint from the carcasses without boar taint (Col. 1, line 35). Further Bjarno discloses that the sample is taken subsequent to coding in (i.e. labeling) the number of the pig (Col. 7, lines 38+).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew J. Kohner whose telephone number is 703-305-8496. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9-5:30.

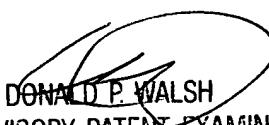
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald Walsh can be reached on 703-306-4173. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.


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